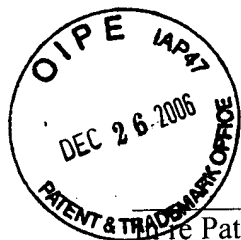


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**LETTER SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR ENTERING NATIONAL  
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 27 C.F.R. 1.495, attached hereto are the following additional items necessary for entering the national phase in connection with the above-identified PCT international application.

- ☐ Attached is a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements (371 Formalities Letter).
- ☒ Attached is the Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy.
- ☐ The specification attached to the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney is a true copy of the specification that was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 15, 2006, including any amendments thereto (if applicable) filed on even date therewith.
- ☒ The undersigned hereby declares that "Attorney Docket No. 0020-5518PUS1" on page 1 of the attached Inventors' Declaration corresponds to Appl. No.10/593,037 filed

September 15, 2006 entitled "METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY DETECTING DEGENERATED REGIONS IN STAINED THIN SECTION SLIDES."

- ☐ Attached is an English language translation of the above-identified application that was filed in a foreign language, which should be used as the copy for examination purposes.

See the attached Translator's Verification; or

The undersigned states that the English translation attached hereto is a true and correct translation of the application as originally filed in a foreign language.

- ☐ Attached are - sheet(s) of drawings. Please substitute these replacement drawings for the corresponding - sheet(s) of drawings on file in the above-identified application.
- ☐ Attached are substitute claims commencing on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(h).
- ☐ Attached is a substitute abstract commencing on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b).
- ☐ Attached is a substitute specification that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52. The substitute specification does not contain new matter.
- ☐ Attached is a preliminary amendment.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☒ Attached is a Supplemental Application Data Sheet (ADS).
- ☒ Submitted concurrently herewith under separate cover for recording is an Assignment.
- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

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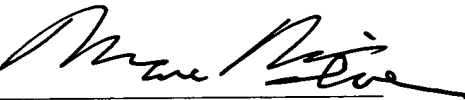
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- ☒ The Government Filing Surcharge for late filing of oath and/or declaration in the amount of \$130.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.494 and 1.492 was previously paid for concurrently with the filing of the application on September 15, 2006.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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